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Gerald Goetting, Secretary General of the CDU-Ost, delivered a speech on the future mission of the CDU to the Berlin organization of the party on 26 May 1954. In regard to the planned plebiscite against FDC he said that this was the final rehearsal for the general elections to be expected in the fall of 1954, which could not be staged unless the plebiscite had a satisfactory result. He had learned that, particularly in East Berlin, the enemies of peace, Western agents, and enemies of the GDR were making attempts to induce the population to cast invalid votes, so as to enable them to declare that the German nation wanted neither peace nor the reunification of Germany nor the withdrawal of the occupation armies. For this reason, a propaganda campaign had to be started under the motto "Demokratie in Aktion" (Democracy in Action). According to Goetting, who again and again stressed the strong position of the Ost-CDU, other functions to be carried out by the party included the mobilization of new, progressive Christian forces which so far had not appeared in public. He stated that the World Peace Conference in Stockholm in June 1954 would give more weight than previously to the opinions voiced by the Christian "Friedensfreunde" (Friends of Peace). Particular attention had to be paid to the fortieth anniversary of the beginning of the first imperialistic world war, as well as the fifteenth anniversary of the beginning of the second fascist-imperialistic world war, because two events inflicting so much upon Germany had led to the fight for world peace. With respect to the elections, the date for the Ost-CDU Rally would be advanced to the time from 21 to 25 September 1954. It was to be held under the motto: "Christians, fight for a united, free Europe". Eight hundred delegates as well as 100 honorary guests would assemble in the Kongresshalle (Congress Hall) in Weimar. Goetting mentioned that the French delegation would be particularly strong; its leader was Domenach, who had promised to deliver a speech. There is no denying the fact that these statements made a positive impression on the assembly. This impression, however, was mixed with skepticism, as could be gathered from the opinion voiced by Burgomaster A. Gohr, who, best represented the attitude of the party functionaries toward the speech in saying, "If our CDU has really gained such a strong position, it is our demand that in the future it take up an independent line of action."

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